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Introduction

Although this project rose from the archives of the Calgary Police Service, it is technically not an archival work. Nor is it a history or a work of creative non-fiction. It is all of these things and none at the same time; a lawless territory, which hides potential dangers for the unwary. The water may not be readily apparent to the inexperienced. You never know if you are walking on land, in water, both at once, or if you will fall into a hole and discover a body.

For this project I have extracted texts from a small local archive, a fragmentary, haphazard and eccentric collection consisting primarily of donations from retired police officers, to trace the development of a state organization over a span of time. These texts include Chief'sOrders, police commission meeting minutes, correspondence, criminal investigations, detective log books and reports. All of this material was originally gathered, compiled, researched and described on a database for the Calgary Police Service, and I have preserved the structure of the template.

I have not imposed a narrative voice, rather assembled and nudged the records into chronological order, in the process juxtaposing many voices and types of communication to show that not even a law enforcement agency is truly monolithic but instead consists of a multiplicity of voices and attitudes, weaving in and out of the local, provincial and national society that created it.

The records used in this project span the years 1927 to 1980. This is where the richest part of the actual collection lies, and because these are the years you can most clearly see the development of the police department within its society, its incremental professionalism, the ebb and flow of concepts such as community policing, and the introduction of training and forensic techniques to Calgary. The records also give a firsthand look at the ever-evolving duties and missions of a police department as both institution and workplace. Everything from dog-catching to homicide investigations.

In the early years of the Calgary Police Service a lot of attention is paid to vagrancy and "unemployed men loitering in the city." Police deportment is also paramount. Orders issued by Chief David Ritchie, an ex-military man who served as chief of police throughout the 1920s, excoriates "his men" over spitting on the streets, fraternizing with civilians, hanging out at cafés, etc. We see Calgary police officers trying to do their job throughout the Great Depression, and the war years when the department suffered from a shortage of staff.

They are also called on to intervene at demonstrations held by communist party members, violence directed against people of German and Austrian heritage, riots in cafés, prostitution and ongoing antipathy toward the unemployed, especially "unemployed veterans loitering and making public nuisances of themselves at the Legion." Round-ups, curfews and casual racism are all recorded as normative police routine and behaviour.

We see a period of rebuilding after the war and into the 1950s when the department faces huge growth and modernization in the City of Calgary. This spurred the recognition that a new professionalization was needed to cope with the annexations of territory and ensuing population increase. The Automobile Age has arrived with a vengeance, causing more and more issues with traffic, as well as the advent of stop signals and endless controversy surrounding traffic tags.

Also in the 1950s and heading into the mid-60s, comes a preoccupation with crowd control. Police training is extended to aviation safety, atomic radiation, cold war techniques, bomb shelter preparation and protection against chemical warfare. From the late sixties into the seventies, we see a further preoccupation with social disruption with the advent of "hippies," music festivals, an increasing public distrust of police agencies. All this societal change prompts a new awareness of public relations and new approaches including zone, preventive and community policing styles.

My blurring of the boundaries between archive, history, non-fiction, story is a strategy designed to focus on the growth and development of a discrete organization in everyday life, but also re-think traditional big-picture, important event approaches to history. I want to show how the the small and local sluices into larger currents and how there is no such thing as one canonical truth. By selecting the texts and arranging them into chronological orderI have, of course, imposed my own individual selection criteria and an embedded narrative structure of around time, but I hope to retain the collection's fragmentary, often eccentric nature and challenge the need to impose normative structures on the diversity of voices and evolutions that make up the past.

I want to keep the voices of the source records and bring them into dialogue and/or conflict with each other. Most of all I want to show on a structural level that there are no real borders or categories. History is always a bogland of archive, official record, personal artifacts, duelling voices, fiction, non-fiction, legend and sometimes a few bodies half-buried in the peat.

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1927-1933

1927

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unemployed hanging around the city.
vagrancy.

complaint from the City Electric Light
Department: damage done to street lights
in East Calgary and the North Hill
by boys with sling shots.
stove wood stolen from Alberta
Box Company.
theft of pants from Robinson's
Upstairs Shop.

detectives urged to show caution
and not give out too much information
to the press.

youths under the age of 16 driving cars
within the city, contrary to the Vehicles
and Highway Traffic Act. motor cycle
men to address issue.

horses and cows tethered, 1800 block NW.
dirty conditions of Calgary streets,
stores throwing wash water in gutters.
confectionary stores selling groceries
after hours, Wednesday afternoons.

patrol men to supervise unoccupied
furnished house.

possible epidemic of infantile paralysis.

City Dog Pound placed under quarantine.
Police Department members are keeping
unlicensed dogs.

protocol for policing the Canadian Pacific
depot on the arrival of the Prince of Wales
and Prince George.
written explanation required from Constables
Millen, McRae and Redpath as to why they
have not yet been measured for their
summer trousers.
the department will not interfere with dancing
in public halls after midnight on Sunday,
January 1, 1928.

1928

bold women in the East End at night.
house of Ailean McLeod, nicknamed Slats.

thorough and rigid check-up on all
individuals hanging around pool rooms
and other such places where loafers
and idlers are likely to congregate.

street letter boxes vandalized.
damage from broken glass more prevalent
in Calgary than in any other city in Canada.
boys under 16 selling newspapers
in the streets after 9 pm.
newsboys a nuisance at the Capitol Theatre.
car washing on Sundays contravene
the Lord's Day Observance Act.

merchants sign petition to draw police
attention to the continual playing of a loud
gramophone at 125-8 Ave E.
Christie Grant Co, Higginbotham Drug Co,
Linton's Bookstore, Scotland Woolen Mills,
Victoria Hotel, Barber Shop, Dominion
Furniture Stores Ltd have all signed.
constables on beat to check on persons
using gramophones and loudspeakers
for advertising or trade purposes.

Calgary branch of North West Biscuit Co
opening.
amateur boxing bouts at Memorial Hall.
constables on beat must stop the filthy
practice of spitting on streets.
follow protocol for policing the route
of the Stampede parade, duty rosters
available.

Uniform Department must follow
rules set out by the to the Inspector of
Disorderly Houses, including betting
houses, gaming houses, houses of
prostitution and other such dives.

officers urged to interrogate strangers
in the city, especially those out late
or don't appear employed.

1929

taxi drivers, who make a practice
of driving people to disorderly houses,
seem to have more than a passing interest
in the persons keeping and maintaining
such places.

St Regis Hotel management complains
about men coming out of the Canadian
Legion Club at 11 pm, congregating
on the side walk and making use
of filthy language.

residence of Mr CP McQueen, 625-13 Ave W
unoccupied from midnight until June 1,
to be supervised by the men on the beat.

complaint made by the principal
of Balmoral School regarding a nuisance
being committed regularly at the front
entrance to the school

young lads throwing dice on the sidewalks
near the Bee-Hive Confectionary and Riverside,
a place where young men congregate.
young men discharging fireworks near
Mount Royal College.
motor cycle men to check up on lads riding
bicycles and hanging on to the rear ends
of street cars and trucks.
police urged to check up on Chinatown.

Houlton House complaint: parked Hupmobile
car obstructing traffic.
reasonable grounds for believing there are
many unlicensed drivers in the city.

Mrs Hodge, Police Department Matron,
is on vacation.
follow protocol for visiting prisoners
in custody, cases of insane persons or
individuals with a suicidal tendency.

foul conditions in the police cells.
station sergeants held responsible
for safe-keeping of prisoners, keeping
the charge office and cells clean and tidy.
the constable acting as jailor is there
to carry out instructions from the sergeant.
memo to the Uniform Department:
failure on the part of any member
to take proper action or show desired
initiative will be thoroughly investigated.

addition of 3 new beats:
no. 14, Victoria Park to 4 St
including Mission and Parkhill.
no. 15, 4 St W to 14 St W,
including Elbow Park and
Mount Royal.
no. 16, west from Sunalta to
Killarney and South Calgary.

1930

complaint from North Star Oil Company:
person or persons lodging in the boiler room
of the plant located at 17 Ave and 16A St.

houses being run wide open,
a disgrace to a civilized community,
in the East End of the City,
particularly 9 Ave.

cooperation needed between the Detective
Department and the Identification Bureau.
prosecute the men charged with Unlawful
Assembly and Assault on a Police Officer.

recent crimes of violence prompt
investigation of undesirables, many known
to the Police, having criminal records
and living without employment.
the Detective Department will be clearing
the City of their presence, every effort
will be put forth to end this trouble
with the unemployed.
Detective and Uniform departments
to gather all possible information as to
actions and intentions of the unemployed.
continue surveillance, gatherings
of unemployed.

automobile drivers using the yards
of filling stations as short cuts to avoid
Stop Street regulations and street car
traffic.

overcrowded moving picture theatres.
stores kept open after 6:00 pm and
on Sundays for the purpose of selling
soft drinks. offenders include the Liberty
and a store run by a Chinaman
on 11 St W.

deplorable conditions on 7 Ave
around the Canadian Legion Club.

permission granted to the unemployed
of the city to parade on selected streets
Saturday, May 17.

outbreak of infantile paralysis.

ban on children under 18 years old
congregating in public or semi-public
places within the city. Police will do
whatever possible to prevent this.
direct attention to miniature golf
courses, places where congregating
occurs.

1931

the Pyle and Stirton boys annoying
the congregation at Wesley Church.
Miss Martin, principal of Balmoral School
complains that a nuisance is being committed
nightly on the front doorway of the school.

collision between a car and a Shetland
pony on 21 Ave.
complaints about the electric traffic
signal system recently installed at the
intersections of 7 Ave, 1 St W
and Centre St.

idle men loitering in the Comfort Station,
7 Ave E.
complaint by the owner of Regal Filling
Station about the unemployed idlers who
frequent the Porridge Kitchen and sit on
automobiles parked on his lot.
furthermore, people lying on the grass
at City Hall need to keep moving. beat
constables to evict people who are
assembling or idling their time away
there.

complaints about begging in Scarboro
and Mount Royal districts.
men on beat duty to arrest all persons
begging in any part of the city.
as all single men in Calgary can now
register and receive relief, the Department
will take every precaution to prevent begging
in the streets and at residences throughout
the city, especially Mount Royal
and Elbow Park.

report to the mayor: 10 to 12 foreigners
living at 1104-4 St E are on City Relief
as married men.
they can only be regarded as married
if their wives are living with them
in the city.
occurrence report concerning breakfast
at the Victoria Park Relief Apartment.
constables on duty at the relief kitchen
must stop taking meals there.

crackdown on bad police behaviour.
this includes loitering at service stations,
gossiping to civilians, chewing gum.
crackdown on use of slang words
in occurrence reports, e.g., "the guy,"
"the kids," "what do you think
you're pulling off."

importance of physical fitness.
nothing reflects so much on the Police
Department as the spectacle of men
who are fat, sloppy and cumbersome.

Department members leaning
against walls, lounging in an indolent
manner when attending police court.
Constables not covering their beats
as often as required.
I have taken up a position on 8 Ave
for a period of 30 minutes and not seen
the constable on the beat.

memo to Inspector Cooper:
possible assembly of Communists
corner of 8 Ave and 3 St on July 5.
arrangements to prohibit the meeting
and relocate them to the vacant lot
opposite the Labour Bureau.
All Day Leave cancelled due to
the advertised demonstration of the
Communist Party on Feb. 25.
the meeting advertised by the Communist
Party will be covered, and a report
submitted on speeches given by
Party members.
report of extra duty performed
in connection with the unemployed
demonstrators is required.

1932

traffic light hours of operation.
"Hooey" declared a prohibited
publication.

Central Public School grounds closed
to the public at all times.
Haultain School grounds confined
to the use of girls only, after 6:30
each evening.

complaint from United Milk Producers
regarding milk smuggling. trucks,
private cars, trailers entering Calgary,
loaded with milk from unlicensed,
uninspected herds.

many single unemployed men
hanging around the city, obtaining
a living by begging though there is
demand for work in the harvest fields.
the police will arrest such men as fail
to give a good account of themselves,
and deal with them as vagrants.
Henry Wilson, an unemployed
agitator, is alleged to be in this city.
close watch will be kept.

all officers to heed the following circular
issued for information and guidance:
on June 30, 1931, Sophie Sheinin
was arrested during Calgary's most violent
populist disturbance, a series of protests,
marches and police raids marking the city's
growing unemployment and relief crisis.
Sheinin was convicted of causing
a disturbance and for being a member
of an unlawful assembly.
after serving a six-month jail term,
the RCMP shipped her to Halifax where
she was deported by the Canadian
Government to Russia.

Inspector Cooper to place every available
officer on duty to cover proposed
Communist meeting at 8 Ave
and 3 St E.
police to prevent any demonstration
at the Canadian National Railway near
the train conveying Sophie Sheinin
who is being deported by immigration
authorities.

1933

man climbing through the rear
door of the Piggly Wiggly store.

boys riding on the trucks that convey
cattle to stockyards. the boys wait for
the trucks and ride them to the chutes,
hoping to get a job cleaning out the trucks
after the cattle are unpacked.

wandering dog question.

Libbins Bakery delivered bread
to the Liberty grocery store on a Sunday.
early closing laws flagrantly broken.
too much slackness in by-law
enforcement.

large numbers of men loitering
around the post office.
officers to distribute reading material
for single, homeless, unemployed men
in camps.
Chief Ritchie hopes to furnish all camps
with a library; 15 camps equipped with
libraries of 100 volumes each.

police order: institute curfew regulations
in the City of Calgary. children not permitted
on city streets after a specified hour without
proper guardianship.

II

1934-1945

1934

unemployed and vagrants travelling
across country, stopping in Calgary.
particularly active in the afternoons
and evenings in residential parts
of the city, begging and entering
temporarily unoccupied houses.
Police seen by public as not paying
enough attention to damage done
to vacant property within the city.

complaints from the Burns Building
about vagrancy. registered tenants include
Pig'n'Whistle Confectionery Store,
Married Men's Unemployed Association.
keep the Burns Building under observation,
use reasonable means to keep the entrance
free from loiterers.
reminder: trespassing is a civil matter,
not a criminal offence.
obey instructions on how to deal
with rooming house proprietors who
demand that police eject persons
from their premises.

need for new type of stop sign.
horse theft at Pacific Cartage Co
on 11 Ave W.
citizen complaint from Mrs Grevette:
Chief of Police and Department
receiving protection money
from the Sports Lunch.

gambling on the premises:
Imperial Cigar Store, Queen's Cigar Store,
Shasta Cigar Store, Sports Lunch,
Essy's Place.

constables must heed policing
philosophy and rules for deportment.
the primary objectives of an efficient
police force is the prevention of crime,
the next, that of detection and
punishment of offenders.
every officer must remember
that his duty is to protect and help
members of the public no less than
to apprehend guilty persons.

the 3 essentials a constable should live by:
always speak the truth, never underestimate
anybody, never put your hand out further
than you can draw it back.

1935

on-going situation created
by unemployed single men
marching and travelling
by freight train to Ottawa.

owners of slot machines
and pin ball machines given until
Dec. 31, 1935 to get them out
of the Province of Alberta.
hotelmen request enlargement
of women's sections in beer
parlours.
new stop signs vandalized.

constables scheduled for duty
at polling booths on provincial
election day.
locations of booths:
Mrs Hadley's house, Princes Grocery,
Mr Potter's residence, Silver and Black
Store, Elbow Park swimming pool.

training lectures available from
Metropolitan Police College scientific
investigation 1935. subjects include
blood stains, infanticide, abortion
and poisons

1936

citizen complaint: gambling and
bootlegging.
Local Council of Women protest
ongoing purse snatching in the city.
shopbreaking and theft at the British
and Foreign Bible Society,
117-7 Ave W.

importance of patrolling,
controlling the criminal class now
active in the city.
too many constables on beat duty
engaging in idle conversations with
members of the public.
senior officers and patrol sergeants
should pay more attention to supervising,
instructing and interesting the constables
in patrolling and closely observing
their beats, particularly those likely
to be visited by the burglar type.

impact on personnel due to absence
of members going on the Vimy
pilgrimage.

estimates for juvenile lock-up centre
and new dogpound building.

officers urged to help blind people
cross safely at street intersections.
officers can identify blind people
by their white canes.

special meeting: unemployed single men.
figures from the Alberta Relief Commission
show almost 2000 single men are receiving
assistance, not counting transients.
Chief Constable David Ritchie says City
should not have to provide the extra
policing needed for congregations
of single unemployed men.

1937

white gaming and bettting house
in the Nu Way Shoe Repair Shop,
615 Centre St.
thousands of new Chinese lottery tickets.
Mr Bowden, managing director of Economy
Oils says dogs are being poisoned.
beat constables to check the new safe
installed in the boiler room of Knox United
each time they pass the church.

request for independent committee
to investigate arrest and treatment
of single unemployed men.
reminder to all about the necessity
for good judgment in shooting at people
attempting to escape arrest. only during
extreme circumstances should officers
use guns.

complaints by numerous residents
of Strathcona Block about noisy constables
using the parade room between 2:30 and
4:30 am. this annoyance must cease
forthwith.
sergeants should spend the time necessary
to find out how constables work their beats.
the best indication that a constable is
attending to his duty is absence of crime
on that particular beat.

1938
drinking parties carried on at 1227-2 St E,
particularly Room 5.

commendation to Constable CT Jackson,
No 13, for the arrest of Leo Konkolisky
who was armed with a loaded revolver
and attempted to use it on Constable
Jackson.

a number of persons are peddling
fish door to door without a license.
a man named Lett, who comes from
the northern part of the province,
is supplying these fish and usually
parks his truck on a vacant lot
adjacent to the Alexandra Hotel.

crackdown on the amount of noise
created in city streets by wedding
parties.

amendment of bylaw 3079 to permit
a parade in honour of the visit of the King
and Queen of England.

delegation from Local Council of Women
including Mrs Grevette, Mrs MacDonald
and Mrs A Whyte, requesting appointment
of an additional police matron, and
need for a Police Woman.

essential for accident reports to be
carefully worded, neatly and intelligently
composed. Chief Ritchie expects to see
improvement in the future.

1939

report of the Board of Police Commissioners
to City Council: policing in Calgary during
a time of economic depression.

the practice of constables smoking on duty
must stop.

commendation to all members
of the Department for the way they handled
the visit of the King and Queen of England
at Calgary, May 26.

possibility of war in Europe.

request from Sergeant PD Clarke to miss
attending first aid classes due to being on
night duty, a seriously ill wife and a family
of young children. request not granted.

complaints about youths congregating
on sidewalks playing the new game called bo-lo.

complaints about patrons of the Canadian
Legion Club congregating in front of the club
and at the St Regis Hotel.

complaints about the house operated
by Pearl Rose, or Pearl Miller. special attention
is to be paid to this house. the Chief expects
she will have a busy week.

noise complaint: car horns, shouting, bugles
at the Koffee Kounter (Mission District)
after midnight.
closely supervise the Koffee Kounter,
investigate into whether the proprietor
is conducting a proper business.

letter from Turner Valley RCMP
concerning traffic infractions in the Turner
Valley Oil Field, the inability to enforce
summonses on a transient population.
Chief Ritchie instructs members to not
accept "Turner Valley" as sufficient
address for people to be summoned
or investigated.

Chief Constable Ritchie reports
Great Britain has declared war on Germany.
recruiting underway for the Defence forces.
police work essential to the safety
of Canada and Empire.
members of the Department must obtain
a leave of absence before enlisting.

pay closest possible attention
to electric light and power plants and
railway bridges. siren installed on top of
the power station at Victoria Park
in case of attack or sabotage.
copies of Defence of Canada regulations
issued to all members.

soldiers quartered in huts at Mewata Park.
reports of women, known bad characters,
frequenting the district in the evenings.
young girls prohibited from gathering
around the Armouries.

1940
street walkers making their headquarters
at the Queen's Hotel.

complaint from the manager
of the Hotel York:
large trucks on Centre St, cut-outs
wide open, driving away guests.
names of ring-leaders in connection
with vandalism and general trouble
at James Short School.

stern memorandum reminding Detective
staff about making statements to the press.

reports must all be neatly written
or typed on occurrence report sheets.
the practice of submitting reports
in connection with minor occurrences
on pieces of scrap paper must be
discontinued.

addition of electric traffic lights
at some city locations.
traffic conditions at electric control
intersections.
Ford Motor Company staging a parade
to celebrate Calgary's 28 millionth car.

proposed voluntary home guard.
civilians sworn in as special constables
at the Glenmore Dam.
property damage due to soldiers.

letter from the Garrison Commandant's
Office regarding charges laid in Police Court
against personnel of the Calgary garrison.
instructions from Chief Ritchie for handling
soldiers in uniform.

letter from Board of Police Commissioners
to WL Mackenzie King: pro-nazis in Calgary,
establishment of a home defence force,
inadequate policing in huge rural sections,
suppression of all German organizations.

citizen complaints: certain persons
with German leanings.
special Board of Police Commissioners
meeting: Fifth Column activities in the city.
potential pro-German views of the 48%
of Alberta's population who are
of non-British origin.

Moravian Church request to use
the German language at a conference
to be held in Calgary as many visiting
delegates understand very little English.
letter from the Ukrainian Farmer
Temple Association protesting the Chief's
request that they close their hall
until further advised.

1941

torchlight procession across Canada,
in Calgary, May 28.
arrival of Prime Minister Mackenzie King
by way of his special car on the Canadian
Pacific Railway, June 27.

gambling houses, such as the Hellenic
Colonization Association operating under
the guise of Dominion charter clubs.
Police Commission response to *Calgary Daily Herald* article, "Calgary held worst in west."
attack on veteran race official stirs call for action
on bookies.
public enquiry at City Hall:
horse racing, betting, bookmaking
and the assault on race track official,
George W Schilling.

dangerous and drunken drivers.

noise complaints: drinking, dancing and other
entertainments at the Labor Temple Dance Hall.
liquor found in the ladies cloak room.

constables drinking alcohol on duty,
making a practice of visiting business premises
such as cafés, hotels and stores for other than
police work must stop immediately.

Alberta Council of Child and Family Welfare
advocates employment of police women.

tribute to the late chief constable, David Ritchie.
Samuel J Patterson appointed Acting Chief
at a salary of $280/month.

1942

formation of a new rank: Detective Sergeant.

Gasoline Rationing Order, effective April 1.
the Special Constabulary's first air raid
precaution, "Black Out," held Saturday night
until Sunday morning.
venereal disease among the Forces.
issue of taxi licences for girls.

correspondence between Chief Patterson,
Canadian Federation of Labor, Local No 6,
and the Koffee Kounter.
the Koffee Kounter responds
to Chief Patterson's assertion that most
venereal disease in Calgary could be traced
to working girls such as waitresses.
clarification and apology
from Chief Patterson.

request by the Alberta Council on Child and
Family Welfare to appoint police women.
results of information compiled from 12
police agencies across Canada as to number
of Police Women and their duties.
Chief Patterson and the Board of Police
Commissioners discuss possibilities
for the Calgary Force.

most enlightened police forces see a role
for women as auxiliary members or matrons
in the Morality Bureau.
duties could include investigation of sexual
offence, questionable books, burlesque shows,
assault charges by women, fortune tellers,
disorderly houses, children's aid, domestic
relations court, searching female subjects,
girls loitering around military camps.

1943

investigate rumours about the Montessori School.

difficulties experienced by the Volunteer
Constabulary.

Canadian wartime orders and regulations affecting
all male civic employees under the age of 65.

citizen complaints: disorderly house.
a situation created by the shortage of men
on the Force due to war.

[No entries until 1947]

III

1946-1959

[No entries for 1946]

1947
crackdown on milk delivery before 7:00 am.

warning to members of the Uniform
Department who may be gossiping or
loitering in taxi cab offices and cafés.
each member of the Department must
complete a personal service record.
sample attached.

memorandum: the General and Colonel
Belcher hospitals installed burglar alarms
in their narcotic cabinets.
letter from Medical Superintendent:
how to deal with unconscious patients.
there are degrees of intoxication
and signs of alcoholism that officers
should observe when giving evidence
in charges of drunkenness.

the practice of jailers advising prisoners
how to plead their case in court to cease
immediately.

communication from the Consul
General of China: murder of
Charles Mah Wing.

1948
issue of officers wearing uniforms
to theatres or other places of amusement.
filthy condition of the witness room, lodgers
accommodated there.
failure to observe the proper formalities
while giving evidence in the witness box.

1949
Peggy Elsie Gillette and Isotta
Angela Buccini appointed Probationary
Constables (Police Women).
they will undertake night patrols to
dance halls, cheap cafés, on the
look-out for juvenile delinquents.

revisions to the Criminal Code:
fighting, peeping toms, loitering.

damage to trees along Elbow River:
beavers causing shade tree and
property destruction.

people selling Deaf Mute Alphabet
cards door to door without authorization
from the Winnipeg Centre for the Deaf.

the despicable practice of constables
eating at cafés and leaving without paying
will result in instant dismissal: order issued
by Acting Chief Malcolm Boyd.

Calgary's use of intoxication tests and
the Drunk-o-meter.
vehicle registration for non-residents
entering the province.
licence plate infractions committed
by used car dealers.

playground signs placed 10 St SW
to protect children at Mount Royal
community skating rink.
installation of stop signs
on Bowness Road.
Speed Limit and No Parking signs
installed on Portland St, corner
at the Stockyard Exchange
(Ramsay-Ogden).
additional sign for Bow View
School Zone, as soon as a sign
can be obtained.

quotations for equipment needed
for additional traffic lights.
flashing amber light blamed for injury
to cyclist: submit occurrence report.
danger to pedestrians caused by
traffic light control box at Hudson's
Bay corner, 8 Ave.
rules for traffic turns at intersections
controlled by lights.

1950
William Lee Wallace returned to Calgary
from Detroit, facing a murder charge.

complaint by jeweller Nicholas Lammle:
recent shopbreaking, lack of police
protection.

complaint to Calgary School Board:
youths using bad language around
Ramsay School.

complaint made by Mayor Mackay:
youths on horseback in floral parks
and playgrounds.
dangerous horseback riding, Memorial
and Sunnyside boulevards.

colours and prices of Calgary's parking
meters.
response to Alderman Mrs Wilkinson's
inquiry re the one dollar fine for parking
violations when Edmonton only charges
50 cents.
Chief Malcolm Boyd opposes any
reduction of fine.

recommendation: install traffic lights,
7 Ave and 4 St SW.
transfer of traffic marking from police
department to the city engineer.
jurisdiction of paint operators
changing Sept 1950.

Windsor Park now incorporated
into the City of Calgary.

flood conditions: all personnel on 24-hour call.

the area in Nose Creek District bounded by
Blackfoot Trail, 15 St E and the Bow River
has been set aside as an Indian camp ground.
Indians are not permitted to camp anywhere
else within city limits and must be moved
immediately. this includes the party
camped in a coulee near Elboya.

catering police cells: price increase for meals
supplied to prisoners by the Dog House
Coffee Shop.
construction of new prisoner interview room.
Acting Chief Constable recommends police
cruiser cars be painted black and white.

conduct of some members of the Department
toward the public discussed at the Police
Commission meeting of June 2.

card playing permitted only in Muster Room
when a shift is waiting to go on duty.

resignation of Percival Edward Faith
due to a medical condition which requires
him to wear glasses.
the Department helps switchboard operator
Marshall McDougall rebuild following
destruction of his home by an airplane.

retirement memo from Chief Patterson.

Police Woman personnel to be attached
to the Detective Department.
school of instruction for constables
and a separate one for Police Women
(Sadler, Peavoy, Hettler, Buccini).

1951
rape of Lillian Welsh.

fatal shooting 21Ave NW.
Mrs Deker charged.

sale of fresh meats without a butcher's
licence: Lee Grocery, Daily Food Store,
East End Food Store, New Deal
Confectionary, Universal Fruit
and Grocery Store all checked
for infractions.

issue of musical chimes on ice cream
trucks.
citizen complaint: sidewalk shovelling
on 308 7 Ave SW.
complaint filed by St Andrew's Presbyterian
Church: washing of trucks on Sunday
morning.
new bylaws relating to pawnbrokers,
second-hand dealers, sale of fireworks.
Active Club of Calgary requests permission
to hold its annual Jalopy Jamboree.

people depositing dead dogs
outside the Pound.
City of Calgary Pound Department,
with one full-time dogcatcher, operates
under the jurisdiction of the police
department.
pros and cons regarding a box
for dog pound truck.

reasons for opposition to parking
meters presented by businessmen,
real estate and door-to-door salesmen
who park in the central zone.

need to strengthen the Department's
traffic squad.

feasibility of officers wearing shorts.

visit of Princess Elizabeth and the
Duke of Edinburgh.

authorized strength of Calgary Police
Department is 164, including all ranks.
also a civilian staff of 14.

approval of special squad, financed
jointly by the province and the city,
devoted to preventing and controlling
juvenile delinquency.
creation of Juvenile Detail.
duties of the 4-person squad include
investigation of youth crimes, preventive
patrolling of places where youth
congregate in the evening.

1952
controversy over Police Commission
decision to advertise across Canada
for a new chief constable.
Inspector Laurence Sydney Chavette
Partridge unanimously appointed
chief constable.

several desperate criminals at large.
6 stun guns and six rifles borrowed
from army authorities.
Constable Alfred Shipley injured
at Mewata Stadium, while arresting
an intoxicated man.
accidental discharge of a firearm
causing damage to the constables'
report room.
too many patrol cars stuck in
back alleys.

auto wreckers buying car parts
stolen by children. hubcaps especially
in demand.
new automobile, Car No 12,
to go into service, exclusively for use
by the Juvenile Detail.

speeding in school zones threaten
school patrols.
accidents between petroleum tank
trucks and trolley coaches. no bylaw
for these incidents.
letter from Calgary Safety Council
to Chief Partridge: insufficient
traffic enforcement in the city.

directive by Chief Constable Partridge:
bring Department to the highest possible
standard of efficiency.
reorganization, changes in administrative
procedure, enhanced training programs,
creation of Homicide Squad and Accident
Investigation Squad in the Traffic Branch.

discussion with Calgary Police Protective
Association over new mandatory written
exams for members, and the decision
to fingerprint all members of the
department.

Indians may be taken to Colonel Belcher
Hospital only in cases of extreme emergency.
otherwise police are to call the medical
officer of Indian Health Services,
Dr. McPhail.

1953
death of Mrs Marjorie Boote at the Yale
Hotel. probable illegal operation [abortion].
a man, Gordon Stewart Francis, sitting
on the windowsill drinking beer.

Middlestadt murder. corpse fingerprinted.
latent prints identified as those of Robert
James Sim. mugshot photos L14064.

Brian Snell stabbed at his house on Salem Ave.
recovered: ornamental dagger and scabbard.

fatal shooting at Currie Barracks, Hut 66.
slug found. Private Walter Cierpisz shot
Private Robert Bilow. instant death.

under the Juvenile Delinquents Act,
only those charged with a specific offence
should be held in the Juvenile Detention
quarters. neglected and problem children
will be taken to the children's shelter.

employment of full-time matrons.

speeding on Premier Way and Elbow Drive.

Chief Partridge responds to the Canadian
Temperance Federation regarding current
Criminal Code relating to drinking
and driving.

explosion at the CPS station. possible bomb.
photos of propane tank.

garbage burning and collection issues.
Chief Partridge requests permission to shoot
beaver within Calgary city limits. beavers cause
shade tree and property destruction.

procedure for electrocuting dogs
at the City Pound.
Chief Partridge informs the City
of Kamloops that Calgary's dog-catcher
does not use a net.

1954
Mr W Harper slugged Mr Gordon Noble,
felling him to the floor. Mr Harper was
attempting to keep males from entering
the female beverage room,

Police commended by Justice J. Boyd McBride
at the conclusion of the Robert James Sim
trial (Gharda Middlestad murder).

commendations to Constables Nee, Barrell,
Roberts, Tarves, Higgins for their conduct
at the Grand Hotel, where the clerk was
shot by the occupant of Room 216,
who killed himself.

Morality Squad investigations find
the Railwaymen's Club is a gaming house.
complaints re stock-taking, racing forms
and bettors at the Gent's Beer Parlor,
continual source of trouble as prostitutes,
thieves and undesirables frequent
the premises.
staff found there in drunken condition
on duty during late hours.

prevalence of bank hold-ups,
sharp increase in shopbreakings.

inability of police department to work
with Crown Prosecutor, TH Randall,
in police court.

opening of the Mewata Bridge.
installation of well-marked crosswalks
now to train pedestrians to use them.

uncovered trucks hauling garbage
to the incinerator.

city bylaws used most frequently
by police: dog regulations, dogs at large,
early closings, cabarets and dance halls,
door-to-door salesmen, transportation
of explosives.

extra men and equipment required
to police the metropolitan area.

applications received from Department
members for the position of Constable
at Ogden. Remember, the applicant
must take up residence at Ogden
and stay for 2 years.

1955
occurrence report: children molested
between Nose Creek and city schools.
Gerald Stayura and James McCaull
arrested.

Department of Justice definition of
"Crime Comic."

Michael Beskal, a beer waiter
at the Noble Hotel, charged with serving
minors. Edith McMillen and Georgina
Goulet in custody.
report on minors in the beer parlor
submitted by Police Women Maggie
Hettler and Nora Peavoy.

correspondence between Chief Partridge
and the Saskatoon Police Department
about their respective cities' bookie
and gambling joints.
Saskatoon closing in on a notorious
operator who brags about being too smart
to be caught, and uses strong-man tactics
in his business.
this operator has been identified
as Sam Kline, operating in Calgary,
Feb-March.

Department members to assume
responsibility for educating the public
on traffic bylaw 4234 (motorist-pedestrian
conflicts at crosswalks).
undesirable habits of student drivers
and pedestrians near Central
High School.

Police Department enters its 16th year
of school patrol. dress code, procedures,
educational value of patrollers in terms
of safety and public relations.
Child Welfare Department complains
about school patrols.

bylaw infraction: hours of the American
House of Beauty.

noise complaints about 912 -19 Ave.
loud boisterous drinking parties, blasting
of car with no muffler, unsanitary state
of the dwelling.

the Local Council of Women recommends
improving methods used in the line-up
of prisoners for identification.
use of mattresses in adult male cells:
in no case will cells fitted with mattresses
be allotted to drunk, unclean, verminous
or violent prisoners.

correspondence from the Alberta
Association for the Advancement
of Colored People (AAACP).
hiring of 31 year-old Arthur Michalik.

Detective Department to attend
police training school.

south side of the city re-divided
into southwest, south and southeast
districts.
addition of a uniform radio car
(the South East car) to cover 2nd
and 3rd reliefs.

1956
body found on the banks of the Elbow River.
investigation into the whereabouts of FR Whipple.
conviction of the somewhat eccentric
Margaret C Macdonald.

smash-&-grab at house of Gordon Goodfellow
where i found a large rock wrapped
in a baby blanket.

link between taxis and bootlegging.

objectionable titles that cannot be sold at
the news stand concession in the Municipal
Airport: True Story, True Romance,
True Love, Man's Life, Medic.

James R Home recording race horse bets
in the beer parlour of the York Hotel.
report on Thomas Kamp (Camp)
who recorded hand bets on horse races
in the beer parlour.

after receiving traffic charges due
to a serious accident, I subjected John A
Webb to a lengthy lecture on the driving
habits of Americans.

warning tags issued at an average of 8 per day.
hundreds of old cars operating in this city
without the required safety sticker.

tentative adoption of Coca Cola Policemen
to indicate school zones.

City Council repeals early closing bylaw.
this does not affect the Lord's Day Act.
regulations covering barber shops,
beauty parlours, drug stores, garages
and service stations are still in force.

Calgary Colored Workingmen's Social Club
permitted to incorporate Harris Club.

cancellation of Alberta liquor permit for
Harris Club Sky Room. permit for functions
held in the Club Skyroom indefinitely
suspended.

seminar on law enforcement photography
conducted by the Kodak Company.
motion pictures as applied to police
work, slides, visual aids in training.

importance of obtaining the full name
of persons reporting accidents.
married women should be shown
by their own Christian names instead
of their husbands' e.g., Mrs Mary Jones
not Mrs Charlie Jones.

Board of Police Commissioners' meeting:
recruiting difficulties during this period
of rapid expansion of the city.
problem of keeping CPS members fit.
Police Woman Margaret Sadler's
ten years continuous service.
issue of severance pay for Police Women.

1957
busiest year ever experienced by the Dept.
major increase in all classifications of crime.
greatest number of shopbreakings ever
recorded in the city.

armed robbery at home of George Barnes,
manager of the Safeway at 34 Ave and 17 St W.
when his wife and daughters arrived at the family
home, they were assaulted and bound. Mr Barnes
beaten, taken to the store to open the safe.
arrest of Ronald Reid, his brother, 2
other members of the gang.

assault of Mel Jones, photos taken at crime
scene, the Coney Lunch, 9 Ave.

report from the Morality Detail: the cafés
of Chinatown.
bootlegging, shopbreakings and trespassing
on the premises of Arctic Oil Company,
809-9 Ave E.

newly annexed southwest area of the city
to be policed by the Department. Mayor
of Bowness requests additional police
protection in Bowness Park, which lies
outside both Calgary and Bowness
police jurisdictions.

the Welcome Confectionery, 1201-1 St W
now out of bounds to all Canadian Army
regular personnel.

vandalism at the Jewish and Chinese
cemeteries.
tombstones toppled, footprint
in the mud.

1958
examination: abuse and death of 8-year old
Blondie Lowry.

sudden death at the Carleton Hotel.
Glen Wellington cut his left little finger off
with a jackknife before jumping from
the hotel window.
murder of Jack Clyde Baxter, Suite 4,
Flamingo Apartments, 6 Ave W.
Baxter's prints on bottle,
Wendy Devlin's on glass.

quart chocolate milk bottle found
in a garage owned by John Sawchuk
believed to contain liquid explosive.
latent print traced to JW Young,
Chemist.

bookmaking activities in Calgary:
9 betting convictions for Hymie
Garshman.
difficulty of penalizing bookmakers
in Alberta, which has no padlock law.
Jack Clyde murder case: associated
gambling, bookmaking, large bets
from local oil executives.

rash of shopbreakings along 49 St SW,
Park Royal Apartments, Betty and Bobby Shop,
House of Charm Beauty Salon, Camdale
Photo Shop, Royal Bank, Pauline Johnston
Candy Store.

placement of No 10 beat constable
at the main entrance to the Unemployed
Insurance Commission.

amendments to the Billiards Rooms
and Bowling Alleys Act. persons under
18 years old
now allowed to use bowling alleys.

bylaw 5002 passed by City Council.
sections include: throwing objects on streets,
firing of firearms or air guns within the city,
scattering of handbills, posting of bills, riding
bicycles on sidewalks, snow removal from
sidewalks, certain street noises.

Calgary Police Commission on record
for being in favour of driver education.
problem of speeding Stampede ambulances.
unacceptable number of cars washed in
the Bow and Elbow rivers.

all city employees to be x-rayed
for tuberculosis

debate over dress differentiation
between auxiliary police and the Dept.

Department members prohibited
from ever saying "if you plead you
will get off lightly or with a suspended
sentence or fine."

complaints of damage by beaver
within city limits now handled by the
Department instead of the Provincial
Forests and Wildlife Division.

1959
attempted rape of Betty Parkyn
by a man, stocky build, foreign accent,
probably a construction worker.

working hours and conditions.
occurrence report submitted by Ivy Adamson,
Police Matron.

2 religious groups authorized to conduct
services in the male and female cell blocks:
the Pentecostal Assembly on the male side,
the Prairie Bible Institute on the female side.

IV

1960-1969

1960
bomb threats against educational
institutions.
the Provincial Institute of Technology
and Art receives a second bomb threat.

citizen complaints:
alleged noise at Burger Boy, streets
littered with cigarette cartons, broken
bottles and ice cream.
coin-operated laundries and washroom
facilities.
enforcement of the Milk By-Law.
curfew unpopular.

Chief Larry Partridge and the Calgary
Police Commission discuss possibility
of installing a small dog section.
May 8, two dogs with their handlers,
Constables Harold Wake and Fred Moore,
will be assigned to regular duties, where
police dogs would be valuable.
veterinary services required for PSD
(police service dogs).
PSD injured by a porcupine.
bad press.

Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act:
hazard of pursuit driving in apprehending
impaired drivers.
Sharon Zirk struck and killed by a
traffic patrol car at the intersection
of 10th Ave and 2nd St NE.

the Department's special weapons include
.30 calibre US Army carbine (automated rifle),
submachine gun, sawed off shotguns, tear gas
gun (2 chaser types), tranquilizer gun
for subduing wildlife.

request that pay for Police Women
in their 4th year or over be set at the rate
of a second-rate constable.
unapproved.

Vancouver City Police Chief George Archer
writes to Calgary Chief Larry Partridge:
"I am not sure our city population is comparable
with yours inasmuch as we are well loaded still
with good Anglo-Saxon stock."

1961
murder, double murder.
Parkdale Esso service station.

complaint by Dorothy Fleming
about a bootlegger occupying her house.
nightly visits made by the Liquor Squad
discredit the complaint.

Garnett Herron charged for recording bets
in the premises known as Ted's Jewelry and
Novelty, licensed as a retail tobacco store.
Chief Partridge recommends cancellation
of 7 city tobacconists and news-stand
licences due to bookmaking.

misuse of revolvers during pursuit.

fatal accident, Lansdowne Traffic circle.

alleged use of bad language toward Dieter
Mueller during issuance of a jay-walking ticket.
installation of seat belts in all Department cars.

dogs running at large.
citizen complaint: Chinese green-grocer
burning his garbage.
call for repeal of bylaw 1498: license and
control of child bootblacks.

City of Calgary awarded a silver Safe-Tea Cup
by the Tea Council of Canada.

1962

body of William Stewart found in river
at irrigation dam. personal effects picked up
at the Queen's Hotel, packed and sent
to John Stewart in Vancouver.

charges laid against Anthony Molero,
Henry Schmick, Jack Began, Jack Epstein
for keeping common betting houses.

a compact car, car G-9, will be reserved
for the use of policewomen to check hotels
and auto courts for breaches of the Liquor
Act, morality offences, runaway children
and wanted persons.
foot patrols to continue in restaurants,
bus depots, theatres and dance halls.

policy report on playground zone signs.
Consular Corps traffic infractions.
all Department members required
to attend a showing of the film,
"Safety with Seat Belts."

dog nuisance in Britannia district.
9 complaints about horses from riding
academies running loose in South Calgary.

testing of Calgary's air raid sirens.
University of Alberta installs a campus patrol.
transfer of Forest Lawn police personnel
to Calgary Police Department.

Code 100 procedure: banks, major hold-ups, violent crimes requiring a blockade plan. Tobacco Restraint Act directed at people under the age of 16 years.

Conference of Commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation in Canada: difficulty of serving summonses on transient defendants.

admitting sexual offenders to Ponoka: consequences of the Mental Diseases Act. commitment of Miss Fern Furlong to the provincial mental hospital for treatment under the Mental Diseases Act.

Canadian Pacific Merchandise Services handling shipments of Cobalt 60, radioactive material. Canadian Pacific police may require our assistance.

Canadian Civil Defence College, Department of National Health and Welfare: effects of nuclear weapons, civil emergency planning.

1963

Currie Barracks married quarters homicide: Robert Quigley shot by 22 rifle, possibly fired by Betty Fieldhouse.

Department members commended by
the Board of Police Commissioners for their
work on the case of Janet (Babe) Rombough et al
(conspiracy to live off the avails of prostitution).

charges laid against John Ster for betting
on horses.
letter from William Phillips to Chief Malcolm
Kent protesting horse racing fines levied
by the Morality Squad.

bootlegging activities in city high schools.
statements from principals of Western Canada
and Crescent Heights high schools.

German Shepherds running at will through
South Glamorgan.

as of August 15, Montgomery will be
annexed by the city.
new city limits to extend to the Bow River
on the west.
extra policing required.

procedures for handling certain prisoners
requiring medical attention: Indian prisoners,
sentenced prisoners, active servicemen,
war veterans.
all patrol and traffic division cars now
supplied with Brook Airway mouth-to-mouth
resuscitation tubes to eliminate direct
contact with patients.

directive: explosives, bombs and bomb threats.
descriptions of common types of explosives,
such as nitro-glycerine dynamite, blasting caps,
military ammunition, fireworks,
incendiaries.

1964

murder or manslaughter? Mrs Henderson
living common-law with Eric Bancroft, who
was charged. victim tied hand and foot to bed
with ropes and tape. sex orgy. cause of death:
suffocation.

shooting at the Turf Hotel.
stabbing of Arnold Friesen by William James
Henderson, age 14. family dispute.

Long's Grocery: two men in green terrycloth
masks knocked Long down, threatened him
with a hatchet.

fatal industrial accident at Alberta Phoenix
Tube and Pipe.

question of seized and confiscated liquor.
inquiries to date: bootlegging in city high schools.
statements from principals of Western Canada
and Crescent Heights high schools.
review of Loblaw Groceteria application
to erect a liquor store in a school
vicinity.

unnecessary horn-blowing.
noisy trucks unloading at the Safeway store.
Hudson's Bay Co complaint: mattress
torn apart by a police dog.

non-enforcement of regulations regarding
the keeping of horses cows and pigs in the city.
impoundment fee for recovering
a Shetland pony and colt.
definition of "animal running at large."

selection of new chief, KR McIver
and Deputy Chief MJ Kent.

the social insurance number:
new federal system of recording all
employed persons.

Burger Baron Drive-In, Macleod Trail
now out of bounds to all members
of the Department.

increasing number of Department members
approaching senior officers with personal
and domestic problems.
appointment of official chaplains.

Bowness to be annexed by the city.
August 15, 1964.
feasibility of police office for Manchester.

1965
body of John Robert Marshall recovered
from the Bow River. probable suicide.

sudden death: Emil C Reiswig, Rm 208,
Alexander Hotel, found in bath tub
with hot water running.
sudden death: Earl Mayfield.
body found second floor bathroom,
drinking party in progress.

citizen complaint: long trains hauled by
modern diesel engines blocking railway
crossings for over 15 minutes.
citizen complaint: loudspeaker at Farmer Jones
Used Car Lot.
complaints about horses at large, due to
the Pony Palace Playground.

Fuller Brush Company requests licence
to hire underaged canvassers. request refused.
decision appealed.

amendment of by-law 1512 allows the selling
of ice cream from pedal-operated vehicles
on public streets.

accidents involving dog catcher units.
use of tranquilizer gun by Pound and Police
personnel. prisoner Daniel Alger bitten
by police service dog, Demon.

General Hospital's refusal to accept mental
patients. transportation of Jean Pierre Jean,
suspected of being mental.

approval for district police office in Manchester.
approval to train Police Department NCOs
as part of a permanent riot squad.

1966

Calgary an organized crime centre.
prosecution of Zoltan Vajda and Bella Klein
for fraudulent bankruptcy operations.

Banff Rocky Mountain Ranches issues
fraud complaint against local barrister,
Webster Macdonald.

communism in Calgary. altercation with
anti-police anti-authority Alfred Rode.

parking of propane tank trucks, semi-trailers
and cattle trucks in the Forest Lawn area.

use of police service dogs downtown
during pre-Stampede disturbance.
confrontation between Pound Officer
and children over impoundment
of a dog.

female employees in licensed lounges:
Alberta Liquor Control Board indicates
it will not object to the employment of
females 21 years of age or over as
waitresses or dispensers.

breathalyzer purchase approved.

need for Police Department doctor
to examine sick prisoners, uphold
Venereal Diseases Act and Mental
Diseases Act, examine recruits for
pension fund purposes.

Detective JB Swift charged with dancing
with Maria Hedricks, a suspected prostitute
in a public place well attended.
Golden West Café out of bounds to all
members due to rumours of irregular
relationship between this department
and a waitress.

1967
body of Severt Ourge (or Louis E Newhart)
found at Memorial Park.

body of Christine Cullen
found up a cliff at Sunshine Auto Camp.
strangled by a skipping rope.

Turf Hotel appeals its licence refusal
despite two homicides, numerous offences,
bookmaking investigation.

Morality Squad practices occurrence report:
Alley Cat Club.

application for cabaret license by Sidney Sklar,
for the Nighthawk Supper Club, situated in
the basement of the Petroleum Building,
owned by Sklar and Alex Sarrantis. the club
is a known hangout for the criminal element
of the city, such as the Grahams, Rudy
Driedger, Basil O'Connor
etc.

disposition and reclamation of impounded
dogs. cost of wet and dry pet food.
the Pound employs 5 officers, each with a
radio-controlled truck.

doctors refused to examine rape victim,
Delphine Lohorne, at General Hospital.
the hospital cited policy and procedure for
handling Indians. we continue to assert
need for police to receive doctor
assistance at hospitals.

controversy over use of agents provocateurs,
police spies and informants: correspondence
from Alberta Civil Liberties Association.
Chief Kent asserts that courts have accepted
the practice of using police agents.

oral judgment of the Honorable Mr Justice
Milvain in the Eddie First Rider (Raymond
Frank Young and James Roy Nilsson) case.
ruling in favour of Constable Witte,
who disguised himself to infiltrate
a group of offenders.

special Police Commission meeting:
controlling the increase in crime.
need for a public relations program
conducted through schools, news media,
etc, to change thinking on crime.
deterioration of public-police relations,
rising antipathy toward police.
future police facilities.
need for sub-stations in districts,
or precincts, as a way for police to know
the people in different districts
of the city.
charging hippies for vagrancy.

1968
homicide: Stewart Dank (age 9) shot by
Gerald Dank (age 15).

body of Evelyn Marie Corbett found in ditch
south of fertilizer plant.

manslaughter charges laid against Julius
and Julia Martisz for the death of Eva Ferenczi,
Julia Martisz's daughter by a previous marriage
2 younger, daughters, Helen and Julia also
severely abused but survived.

search warrant forms to investigate a personal
money order payable to Roger Denizet (Roger
Dennis) and signed B. Anderson. the pair
were suspected of unlawfully living on
the avails of prostitution.

policing the Espresso Java Shop, located
in the Grain Exchange Building, 1st Street.
complaints from neighbouring merchants
re drugs, hippies, juvenile delinquents,
Grim Reapers and Satan's Children
motorcycle gangs.

licence appeals submitted by the Cellar,
Blind Onion and Bombay cabarets.

citizen suggestion: male dogs be castrated.
complaint by A. Prosky: dogs owned by
Martin Hujsa attacked, killed and ate
a newborn calf.

1969

homicide of Arthur Booth Vine, Room 114,
Alexander Hotel. apparent bullet hole
in panel above bed.

body found near river's edge
on Pearce Estate, north of Simpson Sears
warehouse.

serious assault: victim Chinese male,
one length of pipe with blood.

robbery, attempted murder, Barney's Take Out.
9 Ave and Edmonton Trail.
break-and-entry safeblowing at Tamblyn Drugs.
two men with nylon stockings over their heads.

milk chute explosion. Bomb Squad called.

bottle clubs in Calgary, premises catering
to the none-too affluent members of society.
minors in licensed premises - Westgate
Motor Hotel a repeat offender.

dispute between Chief Kent and the Alberta
Attorney General re the Calgary Greek Club
charter. application for the charter was arranged
by one Peter Alexander Sarrantis, proprietor
of the Cellar Cabaret, a night club we
have been endeavouring to close
since Dec. 1967.

injured horse on Anderson Rd NW.
impoundment of five horses belonging
to Ira Anderson.

religious gatherings on the streets
of Calgary: correspondence with
the Prairie Bible Institute.

youth's pants ripped by police service dog
during crowd control at Stanley Park.
Need for careful filing of occurrence reports
pertaining to concert/hippie love-in
at Riley Park.

new Police Department motto,
police band and motorcycle drill team.

Students' Co-Operative Association
requests clarification on policy for narcotics
possession.
concern over publicity given to undercover
detectives involved in recent raids on drug
users and traffickers.
use of undercover agents to control drug use:
Chief Kent outlines his philosophy, defends
need for a stronger police force.

V

1970-1980

1970
attempted murder: stabbing at
the Yale Plaza Hotel by a man
believed to be Antoine Joseph
Morin.

armed bank robbers, man with
long pistol in attache case, note
typed on index card.

citizen complaint: AC Moreau
a diabetic, not given an insulin
injection when arrested.

Breathalyzer demonstration
Progress Club, Wales Hotel.
controversy over rock festival
at McMahon Stadium.
marriage policy for policewomen.

1971
sudden death: Deborah Davidson,
Penthouse Towers, 7 Ave SW.
she and her husband on a two-week
drunk. husband noticed wife dead
in his bed this am. wounding
with intent.

Jeanette Norma Smith shot
Robert Knight: argument over
a card game.

Code 300: Ninoslav Nino Matota charged.
he fired a rifle through ceiling of Reginald
Sisson's suite on Waverley Dr SW, almost
hitting Sisson's daughter. Matota apparently
seeking sympathy from a girlfriend,
who was present on the scene.

attempted housebreaking: Mrs P Pomerleau,
in final stages of divorce proceedings.
paintings and jewelry taken by her husband.

received by the Police Department:
brown envelope containing an article
from Sept 1971 Chatelaine: *nice girls
don't get raped? do they?* Mohan Grewal
suspected.

Calgary School Board alleges children
coerced by police to obtain information
on drug use.

physical fitness exams for police
personnel. compulsory medical
examinations: comments from
the Calgary Police Association.

pros and cons of capital
punishment.

proposals for recruiting Native
people to the Calgary Police Force,
submitted by Father Gregory
Hildebrand.

First Field Seminar, Mynarski Park,
Alberta, Oct. 12-15, 1971. topics:
bomb threats, disasters, alcohol,
document examination.
hair and fibre, serology, firearms,
tool mark identification, dental
identification in the Woodbridge
disaster.
procedure adopted following t
he crash of an Air Canada DC-8,
July 1971.

accident investigation: typical
wreckage distribution: no crater,
typical crater, scatter area.
investigator roles in major disasters.
crime detection laboratory, fingerprint
automation, forensic odontology.
colour (mugshot) photos vs
black and white.

grid system for air crash investigations,
Zoomar night vision scope projectors
and other visual aids in court.
evidence of the expert witness.

1972
homicide. 2108 17 St SW, Apt 303.
Barclay Fisher, 17 months, found in crib
in living room. believed strangled by
his mother, who attempted suicide
in bathroom.

homicide: Genevieve Gardippe,
Suite 3, 215-15 Ave SE, found naked
in bathtub.

bomb threat. 5th floor, Wheat Pool Building.
culprit wrote note on toilet paper threatening
to blow up building.

Chief Kent announces his retirement.
appointments: GW Kemp, Acting Chief
of Police. Brian D Sawyer, Chief of Police,
Oct 17.
Mayor Rod Sykes on a crusade to discredit
reputation of the city police.
anonymous letter to police department.

Attorney General of Alberta and the Police
Commission respond to racialist recruitment
ad in the Calgary Herald.

police accused of censorship by retailers
and distributors for refusing to hand over
books considered pornographic to the
Attorney General.
psychological tests for recruits to eliminate
hyperaggressives.

recruit lecture notes**:** the skin, IBM
physical descriptions.
traffic accident investigations, footprint
and tire impressions.
the forensic laboratory, safeblowing,
nitroglycerine and its neutralization.

request from Sarcee Band administration:
training for two tribal constables.
enlistment of Native peoples in the Calgary
Police Department.
training of two Reserve tribal constables:
progress report on request from Sarcee Indian
Band.
discussions with the [federal] Department
of Indian Affairs on possible liability to City
or Police Department for employing
a Native person as a police trainee.

1973
homicide: Andrew Laidlaw, 9 years old,
shot by David Laidlaw, 11 years old.
boys playing in living room. Father,
Andrew Laidlaw, charged.

Homicide: Jack Louie, cook
at the Pagoda Inn. John Glinz walked
into the inn's kitchen and shot Louie.

fire at Old Fire Hall, 10 St and Memorial
Drive: two 14 year olds were siphoning gas
from city vehicles inside the building when
the gas exploded. the pair also in possession
of stolen car, and wanted for b&e
at a grocery store.

armed robbery at Currie Store,
Currie Barracks: culprits forced store
manager into office containing the safe,
pulled a canvas bag over his head and
demanded the combination.

citizen complaints: panhandling, escalating
noise problem in Calgary.
citizen suggestion: patrol officers be provided
brooms to sweep up broken glass left
on streets after accidents.
proposed 20 mph speed limit
on residential streets.

request from Chief Sawyer to finance
a zone policing system.

police building additions and alterations.
vault in new headquarters building,
renovations of cell floor,
polygraph room.
remand centre: sunlight issues.
jail connection, Crime Prevention Unit
and Plus 15 pedestrian traffic.

fatality in police cells: in-custody death.
police doctors' treatment of ill prisoners.
preparation of evidence in criminal offences,
e.g., rape, gunshot wounds, autopsies.

Chief Constable Sawyer attends Calgary Area
Hospital Planning Council on heroin.

psychological instability in policemen.
psychological testing in the selection
of recruits.
new police discipline code to regulate
conduct of CPS members.

gender barriers to becoming a police officer,
inequality in recruitment ads.

Commission decision to remove differences
in marital and age requirements for officers.
employment of married women now
permitted.

1974
murder-suicide: Stephen Eavis shot
by brother Lawrence Eavis, who then
turned the gun on himself.

death by negligence: Jody Michelle
Trotchie, 2 months old, shot by
16 year old.

suspected homicide: body of
Victor Gogorenko on chair,
half of head blown off.

suicide: body of Valerie Norma
Larson lying in two feet of water,
throat slashed.

sudden death: body of Chou Tai Lin
found in Bow River, Zone 6.
sudden death: Elbow River, Theresa
Long Time Squirrel.

shooting at Barrack B-4, Currie Barracks.

fatal plane crash: Deerfoot Trail
north of McKnight Boulevard. twin-engine
Cessna 310. three bodies found in wreckage,
W. Shriver, Leo Gales, Susan Gales from
Dallas, Texas. DOT (United States
Department of Transportation)
officials on scene.

absence of lane markings on major streets.
citizen complaint: "the way Calgarians drive
I am lucky to be alive so far."
behaviour of motorists in Bowness.
nuisance of dust, gravel and flying rocks.

security in Stanley Park: influx of young people
from all over the city, noisy vehicles, nude
swimming in the pool, drug abuse, rape.

on Nov 28, approximately 30 members
of AIM (American Indian Movement)
occupy the Calgary office of the
Department of Indian Affairs.

Calgary mayor Rod Sykes criticizes his
police chief for not ousting Indians from
the federal office - Globe & Mail,
Nov. 30, 1974.
treaty Indian chiefs representing Blackfoot,
Sarcee and Stoney reserves commend CPS
for its handling of the demonstrators and
efforts toward negotiation.

Mayor Sykes falsely claims that a similar
occupation in Toronto had been "cleaned
up in 20 minutes by the Toronto City Police."
rebuttal by Chief Sawyer: "I have regarded
the situation throughout as not only a law
and order problem but one in which the
political overtones demanded a prudent
and carefully controlled police response."

official new name of the Department:
Calgary Police Service.

installation of blue emergency flashers
on all marked police vehicles.
citizen complaints: unnecessary violence
and foul language by police officers.
newly opened psychiatric crisis clinic.

policemen in schools: school resources
officer (SRO) pilot project selection program
for the CPS, prepared by J Edwin Boyd
& Associates.

Calgary district emergency measures:
peacetime disaster plan, hostage,
robbers and/or extortion.

list of forensic dentists.
delays in receiving blood
samples from Foothills Hospital.
identification of deceased or
dead-on-arrival: procedures
submitted by the director at
Foothills Hospital.

marital breakdowns
in the CPS.

1975
suicide by hanging.
Blair Pastuck, 12 years old.
double suicide at Ribtor Sales.

suicide of Constable Stanley
Sauve (#1686) in front of City Hall.
used issue 38 calibre weapon.

homicide: body of Bruce A May
found lying on a bed, head badly
smashed by a statue.

homicide: Ina Crookes smothered
during sexual assault.

robbery and assault: Rm 128,
York Hotel, Ronald D Munro.
two unknown assailants, one called
"Charlie," who Munro met at the
Palliser Hotel.

armed robbery at North Hill
Liquor Store. 3 subjects arrested
in the Royal Wayne Motor Hotel.

abduction and assault. Tina Starben
(6 years old). Sylvia De Haas (12 years old)
responsible.

shooting: Lucifer's Union motorcycle club.
Roderick E Morrison walked into a duplex
where the club was partying
and fired a shot.

suspected arson at Nu-Trend Furniture.

use of ghost cars. department shotguns:
evaluation of Mossbergs and Remingtons
after Code 300 training exercises.
Traffic Detail comments on the Handy-Andy
Wheel-Clamp and Rhino Immobilizer.

Chief Brian Sawyer introduces
community policing to Calgary.

letter from the Rev. John W. Friesen
discussing his son's traffic infractions
until lapsing into complaints about
police attitudes and how Chief Sawyer
was appointed: "some of us went to great
trouble to stop the city fathers from
selecting an American chief of police,
which is how you got the position."

biology notes for crime scene officers:
blood index.
saliva, sweat, semen, sexual assaults.
urine, feces, stomach contents.
cigarettes, paper, fibres.
alcohol consumption.
fluids of live and dead subjects.

manual of interrogation techniques:
interpretations of law affecting the taking
of confessions statements and admissions.
interview or interrogate?

traits of a successful interview.
preparation, structure, use of interpreter.
persons in authority. inculpatory and
exculpatory. statements from juveniles.
powers of observation.
recognizing and questioning
suspicious persons.

interrogation procedure semantics,
psychology of police interrogations,
basic human responses, conditioning
the subject during interrogation.
how to create a talking atmosphere.
forces that inhibit or promote talking.
pressures influencing the interrogator.
defence mechanisms, non-verbal
communications. body language.
paralanguage. proxemic
differences.

interrogation techniques 1975:
an interpretation by Chief Inspector
A.R. Roberts, CPS CID.
appeal to authority, everybody's doing it.
face-saving. Oedipus/Electra heaven
and hell double-stick.
lawyer gimmick, control technique,
white collar Mutt & Jeff.
false statement technique
(bluff on a split pair), secretary technique.
can you get it back. kiting. hot confession.
ego deflation. yes or no (last chance).
pyramid of lies
somebody always talks.

Code 300: after drinking excessively,
Constable Derek Tyler (#1776) went
berserk, entered a nearby residence,
abducted a babysitter and 6 month old
then walked through the neighbourhood
with his captives, firing at vehicles.

1976

homicide: 1000 block Memorial Dr NE.
Staff Sergeant Keith Harrison shot
while checking carload of suspects
at the Inglewood Credit Union.

murder-suicide at Foothills Hospital.
Murray Wasson, ex-RCMP, barricaded
himself and ex-wife, Joan McLeod, in
Room 366, shot her, turned the gun
on himself.

attempted murder on 47 St SW,
man with rifle chased Mrs Warnick
out the back door of her house.

suicide: Andrew Dwight Sinnott
shot an arrow through his heart
with a crossbow.

assault of Connie Turning Robe
under New Langevin Bridge.

kidnapping at Pedersen Bros Florist,
West Brook Mall. Lorne Maerz charged,
also responsible for attempted murder
on 47 St.

Code 300. 6 bodies found in stages
of drug overdose.

citizen complaint: it is sure too bad
murder and robbery aren't crimes these days.
Calgary has no police force all they have
are revenue collectors, good to write
cheap tickets.

Mayor Rod Sykes intervenes on behalf
of a local lawyer regarding a traffic tag
refund voucher: "he is a fairly simple man
and wants to know why he has to make
a visit to downtown Calgary in person
to collect his $7.00."

Canada Labor Council: opposition
to introduction of shotguns in city
police cars.

CPS selection program to include
behavioural and personality tests,
skills and attributes inventory.

informal meeting arranged between
Paul Phibbs and Chief Gordon
Crowchild of the Sarcee Nation.
meeting scheduled at the District
office but [Gordon] Crowchild
failed to show up.
the Sarcees are our responsibility
when they enter the city.
object of meeting is to ease tensions
there might be between Indian and
city residents.
we know there are problems with drunks
dropped at the gate by police.

1977
attempted murder:
party crasher with a rifle.

sudden death of Robert Joseph
Mulrooney. possible homicide,
suicide or drug overdose.

attempted homicide: Brenda Lee
Dalrymple at Red Carpet Trailer Park.

Code 300: Suicide. Steven White
barricaded in his house. Tac Team
on scene.

hostage incident: James Moore entered
a Mac's on Rundlehorn Dr, held two
employees at knifepoint.

site of indecent assaults, 2 miles south
of Sheppard Raceway. a rope, torn
cloth and a shoe on crime scene.
Sex Crime Squad present.

morality raid on various gambling
establishments around town.

escape from Calgary Remand Centre:
window in Dorm-4 broken, bed sheets
hanging out. 3 subjects charged with
escaping lawful custody.

complaint from a Calgary Citizen
and Tax Payer:
please let it be known that your Civil
Servants make me sick! I've given up
trying to be polite to the Calgary Police
Force since they continue to abuse
the public (their employer).

testing of Winchester Super X
Smith & Wesson.38 Special, jacketed
and grain lead hollow-point
ammunition.

funeral service for Constable William
Shelever at Jubilee Auditorium.

1978
homicide: Walter Francis Body
at the Trade Winds Hotel tavern.

homicide: Allan Stringer, 816 19 Ave SW.
Stringer was sitting in chair watching TV
when Robert Grayson Blake came up
behind him with an axe and struck him
on the head.
homicide: David Powley burned beyond
recognition, fingers burnt off. identification
made by odontology.

unknown male found hanged
in Edworthy Park. presumed suicide.

child abuse: beating of Joanna and Earl
McKenzie. Darlene Fisher arrested.

armed robbery: Royal Bank, Brentwood.
blast from shotgun left hole in ceiling.
robbery at Yorkshire Trust: lone culprit
entered with a toy gun.
shopbreaking: Marcel de Paris Co.
entry via skylight, culprit lowered
with rope to jewelry section.

break-and-entry, property damage
to new District A office under
construction. fire lit in hallway.

morality complaint: Our Lady
of Perpetual Help operating a bingo game
without a licence.
morality complaint: Windsor Park
Community Centre bingo game closed.
no licence. operator charged with running
a common gaming house.

need to improve homicide investigations.
add floodlights, disposable floor runners,
autopsy suite.

formation of a drill squad.
procedures, protocols. body positions
while marching, turning during parades,
falling in of individual officers.

preventive policing: safety bear project,
traffic safety trailer, Project Pride against
high school vandalism.

proposal for the inclusion of psychological
test data in the selection of police officers,
submitted by W.J. Barker, Police Department
Psychologist.

Calgary Police Commission approves use
of shotguns in patrol cars.
Firearm and Ammunition Committee:
continue using the .38 Special revolver
but change ammunition to the Glaser
safety slug.

1979
homicide: Loretta Soop found with
Katherine Redcrow and Frank.
homicide: John Alfred Cook (Cooke).
examined beer bottles and other goodies
from scene.

attempted homicide: woman believed
to be Lori-Ann Feldman shot by
husband (a CCP Constable)
on street.

sudden death: tentatively identified,
Bernice Cranechief.

suicide: Norman Peter Legros. heated
dispute over politics between Legros
and his son. Legros shot himself
in the head in front of his son.

suicide: Eugene Barvir. possible note
but unintelligible. a ritual of fruit left
on book called Good Ideas.

assault: Daniel Le Roy Turner,
12 Ave and 1 St SW. wild hippie
drinking party in old house. culprit
and victim fighting with steak knives.
lots of blood – ouch!

Code 300: Mr R Beazley wakened by
shotgun blast through front door.
believed to be results of a drug rip-off
involving son Jim Derrick Beazley.

criminal identification: Wayne Gordon
Tschritter. package containing cash
intercepted at Greyhound Depot.

shopbreaking at Anchor Motel.
suites broken into. party took place,
$2000 damage. some party.
theft at Chubb Mosler offices.
photographed a 4000 pound safe
which had been drilled open by
Chubb employees.

accompanied reporter for The Calgary
Report on walk downtown. reporter,
for some reason, insisted on colour
photos taken in dark alleys –
so that's what he got!

Management/Police Association
Joint Consultation meeting 1979.
acting sergeants in "A" District.
criteria for selection of trainees
for CID (Criminal Investigation
Division).

Race Relations Unit resumé: duties,
aims and objectives of liaison officer.
Mounted Patrol reports on its first
full month of duties.

harassment of officers
by a mentally ill woman.
issue of constables being used
as fillers for the Juvenile Squad.
reports of unrest in Communications
and Support: dumping ground
for non-performers?
physiological stress among officers.

Alberta Identification Workshop,
Edmonton, Oct 15-19, 1979.
portraiture (Kodak), photomicroscopy,
forensic odontology, footwear identification,
bloodstain evidence, fingerprint automation
expert testimony, Magna-Glo.

1980

homicide: Kimberly Thompson, 5 years old.
scene attended, necessary photos taken.

sky diver. 14 Ave SW. male jumped feet
first from 6th floor. aftermath of gay party –
looks like he was odd man out. injuries
maybe not consistent with just a fall.

sudden death: unknown male 11-13 years
found buried in pile of topsoil on
construction site. foul play
not suspected.

accidental death: Philip Rene Lavallee.
masochistic death believed caused by
prolonged holding of breath due to
strangulation.

housebreaking/assault: Meredith Hemp,
10 years old. culprit fled nude, pursued
by her father.
assault: neighbour dispute
over a dead dog.

housebreaking. 1609 12 Ave SW.
while victim is in Montreal some hippie
types move in and take up residence
in his suite. they are very messy and
leave place open. they even forget to
do the dishes. lots of latents on
assorted bric-a-brac.

robbery at 7-11. 20 Ave NW:
lone male with knife. he went to wrong
side of counter for camera.
robbery at 7-11 Bonaventure Dr SE:
lone culprit with gun went to wrong side
again.
robbery at 7-11Centre St N. bingo!
the turkey went to the right side this time
and posed beautifully.

shopbreakings, Beaver Lumber.
POE [point of entry] door pried, several
drawers opened. no latents found.
JJ Barkley and Co, second verse same
as the first.
Clarke Seabourne Holdings, etc.
shopbreaking at Saddle Ridge Centre.
Crime of the Century! CIA, Interpol,
CSIS and MI6 notified.
all occurrences took place March 22.

alleged housebreaking: 15 year old
daughter returned to steal from parents.
i photographed stolen plants.

court - Regina vs Mohammed Marraf.
accused failed to appear. day off!

bomb scare: Jubilee Auditorium.
photographed car and some printing
on a wall. usual bomb scare stuff.

mechanical intercourse: a car went
this way, another car went this way too.
they met. I photographed scene.
injury accident: Kensington Rd NW,
three vehicle shmuck:
'vette on road developed death wish
and ran light at 19 St, totally demolished.
2 other autos damaged. 'vette's wish
may be granted.

1980 Community Services Section:
Senior Power, Race Relations.
Randy Perrett's return from
Hong Kong.
Crime Prevention through
Environmental Design.
Native Indian crime prevention project.
Traffic Education Unit.
Block Watch pilot project,
Silver Springs.
formation of Crime Prevention Unit.
use of zone personnel for preventive
policing.
increase Community Services liaison
with field personnel.

Race Relations Unit: comments on
CPS office in Chinatown.

Calgary urban interaction project.
survey to examine 2 main issues:
how urban Native people perceive
the judicial system and CPS.
what Native people see as problem
areas within the CPS.

Management/Police Association
Joint Consultation meeting 1980.
informant procedures, promotional
process and issue of opting-out.
Detectives Parker and Pierce are
constables wishing to remain
constables.
hiring of civilian technician
in Criminal Intelligence Unit.

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